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Re: **Application Serial No.:** 09/384,650  
**Confirmation No.:** 8099  
**Applicants:** James A. Michael, et al.  
**Title:** Method For Dispensing Medical Items  
**Docket No.:** D-1079 DIV

Sir:

Please find enclosed Applicants' Response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 for filing in the above identified Application.

One additional independent claim is presented herein. Please charge the fee (\$200) associated with the submission of one additional independent claim and any other fee due to Deposit Account 10-0637.

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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 kindly amend the above identified Application without prejudice as follows: